THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Delhi water Supply & Sewage Disposal Undertaking reports that considering the demand at the rate of 225 L.P.C.D. and the available supply, there is a gap of 570 M.L.D. in Delhi.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) 0.37 MAF (1253 MLD) of water from Renuka Dam has been earmarked for Delhi's use, int he storage of Renuka Dam. A sum of Rs. 70 lakhs has been paid so far to Himachal Pradesh Electricity Board by Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking. Work of investigation of carrier channel from Renuka Dam to Delhi has been awarded to M/s. WAPCOS (Water and Power Consultancy Services) at a total cost of Rs. 9.75 lakhs. The work of construction of Dam is likely to be taken in hand by Himachal Pradesh Government during 1993-94, subject to availability of funds.

(e) It is also being planned to get water from Tehri Dam and Kishau Dam. The Government of National Capital Territory and M.C.D. are also discussing with neighbouring states for procurement of additional quantum of water for supply in Delhi.

Shortage Of Bricks In The Country

2973. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Housing Policy and other activities in the construction sector have received major set back due to shortage of bricks in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have contemplated any step to over come the shortage of bricks;

(d) whether Government propose to set up any brick manufacturing unit; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) (a) and (b) The Eighth Five Year Plan document has recognised that the scarcity of conventional building materials like cement bricks and steel and the high energy intensity of modern construction activity have pushed up construction cost.

(c) To overcome these difficulties the Eighth Five Year Plan document has outlined one of its thrust areas as promotion of large scale production of building materials based on industrial and agricultural wastes through an appropriate incentive structure and by achieving target utilisation of wastes like flyash, phosphogypsum, agricultural residues and natural fibres; and also promotion of cost effective industralised construction system.

(d) and (e) The National housing Policy envisages Government's role mainly as that of a facilitator rather than a builder. The agencies under the Govt. have formulated apporpriate Action Plan for augmenting supply of bricks by encouraging setting up of brick manufacturing units in the private sector based on flyash and other waste as raw materials in the country. Excise concessions and other fiscal inventives have been given by the Govt. for using these materials for manufacturing building materials components including bricks.

Enquiry Committee Report on M/s. Skippers Towers Private Limited

2974. DR. ISHWAR CHANDRA GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Skipper ordered to wind up one firm;

(b) whether the Committee consisting of two retired judges to probe irregularities committed by M/s. Skippers Towers Private Limited in the sale of